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CORN AFTER MANY YEARS

Good Crop from an Ear Kept in a Shuck Mattress.

POSSUM IN CHICKEN ROOST

Outside the County for Teachers. Three Heads of Cabbage to the Stalk-Canning Factory.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
YORKTOWN, VA., Seplember 5.—
Twenty-two years ago the past spring
Mr. James Moore, a farmer living in the
lower part of this county, had a son
born unto him, and coincident with the
child's birth the mother had previously
made one of the old-fashioned shuck muttresses.

one of the old-fashioned shuck mats.

He in the process of making a ear
rn of that season's growth got into
ed, and even though observed by the
wife, she allowed it to remain,
s she: "When my boy shall come
e I will remove the ear of corn and
him a crop for a start in life."
ordingly, the last spring the twentybirthday arrived, and in celebration
e event the mattress was opened
the seed ear removed and consigned
other Earth. The crop was worked
carefully, and the result was one
ie finest crops that Mr. Moore, nia successful farmer, has ever raised,
is knocks into a cocked hat the thethat corn of this age, if protected,
not prove fruitful, as this particular
produced a greater per cent, of gerstom than any of the other seed
sowed.

ear produced a greater per cent, of germination than any of the other seed corn sowed.

The severe electric storm, accompanied by a veritable battery of hall, which occurred in the early part of the week, did an extensive amount of damage. Mr. A. O. Mauck, of Temple farm, was visited by an embrye eyclone, which blew down one small barn and moved another large one, which contained a quantity of hay, two feet off its foundation.

The bridge which crosses the upper end of Skiff's Creek was washed away and destroys all crossing or means of communication between Warwick and James City counties at Blow's Mill. Fedder was badly torn by the hall and quite a quantity of corn beaten to the ground.

The contractor who has accepted the bid for haliding the club house for the Hampton Gun Club, at Marsh Point, at the mouth of Poquoson River, has commenced operations, and will have the place completed in time for the gentlemen's use during the coming season.

Mrs. Hearry Stryker and Miss Pattle H. Shelld, two ladles of the town, had quite exciting adventures during the week with chicken thieves. Hearing noises in their chicken hovels, they courageously salled forth in the wee sma' hours of the morning, with no other protection than the bright light from their bed room lamps. On close examination the trouble was found to be caused by an immense 'possum, who sat greedly devouring the young chicks. Grabbing a piece of plank, the entrance was quickly stopped and Brer 'Possum treated to the suffocating fumes of a burning newspaper. He was only able to withstand this queer attack a very short time, when his lifeless body was swung in triumph by bis caudal appendage, as the resourceful matron exhibited her captive to he siumbering spouse. Miss Shelid had the same exciting experience with a second varmint a night or two afterward, which also shared the fate of an carthly Hades.

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patch set out in early spring, and from and all are of good size and well rmed. Another freak also noticed is here the old head falled to come to may, the stalk has pushed its way igh and formed a new head on top the

Mr. Halstead Maynard Clements, of ce Hall, to Miss Sarch Etta Richardson, Richmond. The bride-elect is the highly liured and beautiful daughter of Mrs. Henrietta H. Richardson, and Mr. Clem-ents is a very successful young business mony is dated for the 9th instant, will take place at Broadus Memorial ch at 6 o'clock in the evening.

The canning factory recently put into operation by the Messrs. Clements, at Lee Hall, is proving quite a successful enterprise. The plant has come up to ex-pectations, and the stock obtained has been excellent. The tomato crop has been quite good, and the returns have proved fairly renumerative.

NO APOLOGIES REQUIRED

It is Proper to Attend the Circus Even Without Children.

The circus is becoming more and more a national attribute. It is a factor in American life, and the young American never forgets his first circus. It always remains a conspicuous mile-stone of his earthly career.

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The time was when it was considered the proper thing for adults to apologize for going to a circus, and to give a ite-titious excuse, by saying that they went to take the children. Such apologics are out of place now. It is quite the thing to go to a modern circus and the scarcity of children in some neighborhoods probably had something to do with encouraging people to be honest and frankly say that they like the circus.

The evolution from the old time one ring show with its small red-painted wagons to the mastodonic, rich and artistic aggregation such as is the Great Wallace Show of to-day, marks a remarkable transformation which is merely in keeping with the tendency to vastness in all modern enterprises.

The announcement of the coming of a big, modern circus such as is the Wallace Show arouses in the mind of juvenility visions of supernal cestacy which refuse to be controlled on show day and the adult is also reminded of the days when a glimpse of the waving canvas, the sound of life, one realization of all aspirations.

Wherever the Wallace Show goes, youth and ego joins hands for the day to realize the day when and ge joins hands for the day to realize the day to realize the day to realize the day to realize the day when and get joins hands for the day to realize the day to realize the day to realize the day to realize the day to the day in the point of the day when a get joins hands for the day to realize the day the realized on the day to realize the day the realized on the day to realize the day to realize the day the realized on the day to realize the day the realized on the day to realize the day the realized on the day the realiz

VIRGINIA EDITORS; WHAT THEY THINK

The Fredericksburg Free Lance says that the primary, to be effective, should be compulsory, so far as State officials and Senators and Congressmen are concerned, but must not take in county and city officials. We quote:

As we have stated before, we were not an original advocate of the primary plant, but since it became a reality in Virginia, its fairness, its tendency to break up the old courthouse rings, and its opposition to the former cut and dried proceedings, for so long prevalent in the State, has endeared it to us, and to-day we would not, if we could, change back to the old system. But we fear the primary does not suit the average politician in Virginia, especially that class of politicians who folsted it upon the Democratic party for self-aggrandizement, and yet the system make to much merit that we are interested to believe the next Democratic State Convention will again select it as the method of choosing nominees in this state. To make the system effective, however, it must be compulsory only so far as State officials and Senators and Congressmen are concerned, and must not take in county and city officials, since politics in a great many counties and clitics play very little part in the selection of these officials. In State elections, etc., the system should be compulsory; in local elections, discretionary.

Opposition to the Primary.

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The New Castle Record has tried the primary system and found it wanting, as we judge from the following:

We are unalterably opposed to the primary election, but the reason we have not said so before is because we had hoped all along we would be saved the disagreeable necessity of having one. No sign

Derélict Democrats.

The Newport News Times-Herald warns Democrats against trifling with their State organization, as follows:
The Democratic committees in many of the counties seem wholly disinclined to be guided by the rules of the party or the declaration of the State Committee.

The Barksdale law and the viva voce plan both seem to have been ignored in Culpeper county, as we find from the Times-Dispatch.

We cannot see what the party expects in the State if the organization is to be gnored and the mandates of the party disregarded on all sides. The barksdale law is not a thing to be ignored. It is a law of the State, and there are officers to enforce it and extreme penalties for its violation.

Election Not Over.

In the following terms the Eastern Shore Herald urgts candidates to file statements of their expenses:
That none of the worthy gentlemen who were candidates for election at the recent primary may find themselves involved in a criminal prosecution, we call their attention to the new pure election law, which iprovides "that any person who shall be a candidate before any caucus or convention, or at any primary election," etc., etc., "shall, within thirty days after the election, caucus, convention or primary election held to fill such office or place, make out and file with the officer or board ompowered by law to issue certificates of election to such office or place, and a duplicate thereof, with the clerk of the county," etc., etc.
Some persons may imagine that those who were not successful at the primary are not required to file this certificate A little reflection will show the contrary.

Advantage in Registering This Year Under the foregoing heading the Roan-

Under the foregoing heading the Roanoke Times says:
Despite the wide publicity which, from
time to time, has been given the suffrage requirements of the new Constitution, there still exists an astonishing
degree of ignorance and uncertainty concerning them. The approaching registration to be held in this city makes
it timely that attention should be again
called to the matter, and a statement of
the necessary qualifications repeated.
Not only this, but public notice should
also be sharply directed to the fact that
unless advantage be taken of the perfectly easy and simple requisites imfeetly easy and simple requisites im-posed for this year, the voter desiring registration after the ist of anuary, 1904, will find it much more difficult to have

THE VALUE OF CHARCOAL.

Few People Know How Useful It is in Preserving Health and Beauty.

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Charcoal sweetens the breath after smoking, drinking or after eating onlong and other odorous vegetables.

Charcoal effectually clears and improves the complexion, it whitens the teeth and further acts as a natural and eminently seeks esthartic.

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It absorbs the injurious gases which collect in the stomach and bowels; it disinfects the mouth and throat from the poison of catarrh.

All druggists sell charcoal in one form or another; but probably the best charcoal and the most for the money is in Stuart's Absorbent Lozenges; they are composed of the finest powdered Willow charcoal and other harmless antisepties in tablet form, or rather in the form of

sound of the music and the sight of the crowds seemed to be the ultimate end of life, one realization of all aspirations.

Wherever the Wallace Show goes, youth and ege joins hands for the day in response to the chillerating conditions which are generated by the presence of the "highest class circus in the world." The magnitude of the Wallace Show is such as to satisfy the ever-increasing demand for bigness. The Wallace Show is such as to satisfy the ever-increasing demand for bigness. The Wallace parade is unusually interesting spectacle, its freshness and rich equipment being especially noticeable. The exceptional more to fit is extensive zoological collection has long ago secured for it the hearty indorsement of the general public.

No apologies are in order from any who attend the Wallace performances. They are of the highest standard and for quantity, quality and variety it is impossible to conceive of its failing to please. The most critical people will certainly be justified in tablet form, or rather in an efform of intable form, or rather in an efform on the construction of the standard with the sum of the sum of the same pleasant testing lozenges, the chart-cal large, pleasant-tasting lozenges, the cha

says:

The primary must go. Any intelligent, observant citizen need not be told that this is the sentiment of a large majority of the voters of this State. It is a failure, complete, pure and simple. There are objections to all plans to get at the sense of the voting population, but under the pure election law there is less objection to the convention and the mass meeting than any other system yet devised, and it has the advantage of having no expense attached to it.

Chairman Ellyson.

Moral law.

When a Republican convention meets and adjourns without a necessity for the riot call, all hands feel that there is cause for sincere congratulation. Moral lectures, therefore, come with good grace from Republican sources.

Uphold the Primary.

The Lebanon News stands up for the primary, It says:
One of the greatest safeguards of a a Democratic form of government is the primary, for it places in the hands of all the people the initiative in the matter of nominations for office. Many people do not realize this and fall to take suificient interest in such matters to attend the primaries and turn them to the popular good. Ver get government for the people only wen we get it of the people. We get this when the people turn out at the primaries and really choose their own agents to deliberate, free of stress and pressure, chicanery or sharp practice in the choice chicanery or sharp practice in the choice of candidates.

The Halifax Record-Advertiser takes

The Halifax Record-Advertiser takes the same view. It says:

The second regular viva voce primary election, held under the party law, in Halifax, for the choice of candidates for county offices and for two members of the House of Delegates, is now numbered among the things that were. The law was not mandatory as to the selection of county officers, but the party was compelled to select its legislative candidates by primary election and a viva voce vote. We have never heard a plan of making nominations cussed and discussed more than this recent primary election. It was unpopular from start to finish, and we are sure will never be tried again in Halifax, if there is any way to prevent. At Houston every voter who presented himself at the poils was asked by one of the judges of the election if he plodged himself to support the nominees. This question was insulting to life-long Democrats, and almost invariably they declined to pledge themselves to anything, and wer their vote was recorded and clined to piedge themselves to anything and yet their vote was recorded and counted. At no other precinct in the counted. At no other precinct in the country was a question asked, and according to the interpretation of the law by some of the leaders, a legal vote was not taken except where the voter was asked if he pledged himself to support

the nominees.

Again, only here and there was ther a contest for the nomination of a justic of the peace, supervisor or commissione of the revenue, and a large per cen of the voters only consider themselve pledged to support the candidates whos names were on the tally sheets and fowhom a vote was taken. And there you was the consideration of the consideration of the constant of t whom a vote was taken. And there you are. No question in politics has beer settled, for not a principle was involved and only personal spite was the moving spirit in many instances.

PEOPLE IN LEXINGTON

Mr. Tucker Has Distinguished Guests from Bar Association.

(Special to The Times-Disputch) LEXINGTON, VA., Sept. 5 .- Judge Simeon E. Baldwin, of the Supreme Court of Connecticut; Hon. Edward Whitney, of New York, former assistant attorney-general of the United States, under President Cleveland, and Mr. Everett P. Wheeler, of New York, spent several days in Lexington this week, as guests of Hon. H. St. George Tucker, on their way home from the meeting of the American Bar Association, at Hot Springs, Va. Mr. 12. Southard Shields, son of Mr. William T. Shields, of Lexington, bother commandant of endets and instructor in mathematics and history in the Rhodes Military Institute and Business College at Kingston, N. C. Mr. Shields was graduated in June last from the Viginia Military Institute and was strongly endorsed of Connecticut; Hon. Edward Whitney, of

auted in June last from the Virginia Military Institute and was strongly endorsed by Superintendent Shipp and the faculty for the position.

Prof. Edwin W. Fay, formerly professor of latin at Washington and Lee University, and now a professor in the University of Texas, is spending a few days in Lexington this week.

Colonel and Mrs. N. Beverly Tucker have returned to Lexington from their extended bridal trip, spent in the Rocky Mountains, in Colorado.

Mrs. R. E. Williams and children have gone to Richmond, where they will permanently reside. Mr. Williams is enginemn of the Chesapeake and Orio Raliroad.

man of the Chesapearse and Orio Railroad.

Mr. and Mrs. Adam Zoliman have issued cards announcing the marriage of their daughter, Miss Carrie Lucy Zoliman, to Mr. Charles Henry Swink, to take place Tuesday. September 8th, at the bride's home, at Zoliman.

Dr. Henry S. Myets, of Aliwood, America county, was in Laxington, this week, He expects to locate here in a short time to practice his profession.

Mr. John S. Patton, of Charlottexville, secretary of the University and well-known newspaper writer, was in Laxington last week visiting Mr. J. Boyd Shannon.

non. Congressman Carter Glass, of Lynchburg, Va. was in Lexington this week to arrange for entering a son as a student at Washington and Lee.

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The Virginian-Pilot says: The Tazewell Republican does Hon. J. Taylor Ellyson a gross injustice when it insinuates that he desires the Barksdale law to apply only to affairs within the Democratic party. Mr. Ellyson is one of the State's first cliptons and the year, fact that he should zens, and the very fact that he should have published the statement in question— one well calculated to make chemies of a certain element of his party-shows that h is not the sort of man to split the moral law.

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The Ohio Vote.

The Ohio Bryanites are keeping up gayly their habit of giving away the State to the Republicans. The reward of their labors is shown in the votes. In 1892, before Mr. Bryan had begun his period of paramountcy, the Democratic electors got 101,115 votes, the Republican electors 405,187. In 1896 the close season ceased in Ohio. That year the Republican electors got 525,991 votes, the Democratic electors 477,494. In 1990 the Republi

cratic electors 477.484. In 1900 the residual-can vote went up to 534,900; the Democrati-ic vote went down to 474,882. In 1902 the Republican candidates for Secretary of State got 483,171 votes; the Democratic, or Johnson-Bryan, candidate,

349,700.

The smaller a party can be made, the easier it is to control. The Ohio Bryanites possess to perfection the art of losing.—New York Sun.

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A committee of fifty scientific experts, having been appointed to investigate and report upon the "Physiological Aspects of the Liquor Problem," four bulky volumes have been already published as a result of the committee's labors, and it is stated in the latest of them that the report of the whole is but "preliminary in its nature." That which will first attract the attention of the readers of the several cssays or reports presented by as many different scientists, is their confirmation of the truth of the old story about the inability of doctors to agree.—Philadelphia Ledger.

Silver Brightening. In the face of general depression in financial centers, not only in this coun try, but in Europe also, the price of silver has been tending unward a long time. Lately the tone of the market has been unusually strong in London and New York.

This is probably a change which will This is probably a change which will last for many years, even if it should not go farther. Thore has been no such herease in the production of silver or the world's stock of that metal, relative to the figures of the last quarter of the nineteenth century, as has taken place in gold or in general business and industry. Measured by the stock of other money, the silver coinage of the last few years seems small, and the last few years seems small, and the natural effect is a hardening tendency of the market for silver.—Cleveland Leader.

The Gun in Kentuck/

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Kentucky is not unanimous in its acceptance of the gun as the supreme instrument of justice. The assassination of Governor Goebel three years ago was the most conspicuous and dramatic example of that confusion of private vengance with public justice which has brought disgrace upon Kentucky. The third conviction of Caleb Powers for hatching the conspiracy which resulted in Goebel's murder is the voice of the people who do not believe in free murder.—Brooklyn Eagle.

once, It will not do for a world of otherwise deserving young women to go through life unemployed as well as unwedded, for no better cause than some mere negligible detail of feature, bust measure, femoral construction or linguistic inaptitude. If his tribe! Justice must be done, despite the crotchets of swains and the even less defensible tactics of floorwalkers .- Port

Japanese Survey of Europe's Monarch

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Turning our passing attention to the
Ottoman Empire, we see a hapless sovereign there, sitting on the important throne
omnipotent. In reality, the Sultan is a
mere puppet with a presumptuous imamáte over his turbaned head.

See how he solemnly sera tches his aching head. The Czar, whose will has been
conjectured as the law of the Russian
Empire. Is by no means such a mighty
monarch. Beyond his court, his "long
arms," which are commonly said to be
capable of reaching up to the heavens,
cannot be extended, his government being
tangled up in a network of bureaucracy.
The arrogant spirit of the Kaiser's
quick-hlooded puerlity seems to intoxicate
him so much that he has often abused
his sovereign right, acting in defance of
the will of his people. The army is the
money tool as well as the only sheld of his the will of his people. The army is the only tool as well as the only shield of his

court. Beware, a wise man would have said, of a careless boy holding a swo.d in his hand.

Unlike the life and conditions of the Unlike the life and conditions of the sovereigns epitomized above, His Majesty Mutsuhito, or Emperor, and Edward VII., King, of Great Britain, are the two ideal prototypes of the constitutional sovereign. Seated firmly as they do in the hearts of their subjects, who should be surprised at their ever-growing glory and popularity?

or the truth of the old story about the inability of dectors to agree.—Philadelphia ledger.

The United States and Turkey.

Our relations with the Ottoman empire are not important enough even to-duy to the elevation of the American diplomatic representative at Constantinople from the rank of minister to that of ambassador, and our first creaty with Turkey was not necessary of these qualities, but death to not first areaty with Turkey was not necessary of these qualities, but death to not first areaty with Turkey was not necessary of these qualities, but death to not first areaty with Turkey was not necessary of these qualities, but death to not first areaty with Turkey was not necessary of these qualities, but death to not first areaty with Turkey was not necessary of these qualities, but death to not first areaty with Turkey was not necessary of these qualities, but death to not first areaty with Turkey was not necessary of these qualities, but death to the unfortunate one who has been denied the unfortunate one who has been denied to the unsutractive state, published by the State Department, and it will be found that the bulk of the and it will be found that the bulk of the and it will be found that the bulk of the and it will be found that the bulk of the and it will be found that the bulk of the face and figure, and suggests that if the business between the two governments and has related to American missionaries and the relation of the form of the first provided the comparatively unimportant commercially, and our political portant commercially, and our political portant commercially, and our political portant commercially, and our political political and the provided that the first and the first provided the form of the first provided the first provided the first provided the form of the first provided the firs

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